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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 3 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

12 noon	13th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	227th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up areas".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 72nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [42]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

2. Question of Palestine [41]

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

3 p.m. 73rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.42 (item 12), L.35 and L.38 (item 95 (a))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39, L.40 (item 102), L.41 (item 98 (f)); and A/56/28, Chap.VII, Section A (item 107)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/56/3 (chaps. I, VII, (Sections B and C) and IX))

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

   Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/56/289 and A/56/7/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002 (A/C.5/56/2 and A/56/511)

Introduction and general discussion

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001 (A/C.5/56/4 and A/56/518)

Introduction and general discussion

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47 (Illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects) (A/C.5/56/13 and A/56/644)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised (Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the Second World Assembly on Ageing) (A/C.5/56/15)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31 (Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination) (A/C.5/56/21)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26 (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) (A/C.5/56/16)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.7 (Special session of the General Assembly on children) (A/C.5/56/18)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 126 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/55/928 and A/56/437))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations System Staff College
2. Executive session on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials
3. Executive session on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Monday, 3 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 1: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.18 (item 96 (a)), and A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

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* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Second Committee.

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing from 3 to 7 December 2001 in Conference 1. The informal consultations will begin on Monday, 3 December, at 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 3 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))

11 a.m. - 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft compilation on A/C.2/56/L.35 and L.38 under agenda item 95 and on the draft resolution on the Special Meeting of the General Assembly on the digital divide)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Briefing

Mr. Timothy Lemay of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) will make a presentation on the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on draft resolution under agenda item 21 (j) (Cooperation between the Organization of the African Unity and the United Nations), organized by the delegation of Zambia, on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the Group of 77 and Mexico, to discuss the draft resolution on the international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), will be held on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 33 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by *today*, 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of members of national parliament attending the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Secretary-General will address participants at 10 a.m.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373; http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm; http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

68th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 64 to 84.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/56/526) [64]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/526) (resolution 56/14).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/56/527) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/527) (resolution 56/15).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/56/528) [66]

By 110 votes to 3, with 41 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/528) (resolution 56/16).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/529) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/529) (resolution 56/17).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/56/530) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/530) (resolution 56/18).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/56/533) [69]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/533) (resolution 56/19).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/531) [70]

By 92 votes to 46, with 17 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/531) (resolution 56/20).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/532) [71]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/532) (resolution 56/21).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/56/534) [72]

By 105 votes to none, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/534) (resolution 56/22).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/56/535) [73]

By 156 votes to none, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/535) (resolution 56/23).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/536) [74]

The Assembly was informed that a decision on draft resolution U would be taken at a later date.

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to T and V to W as well as draft decisions I to III recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 73 of its report (A/56/536).

The representative of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24A)	82	5	62
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24B)	98	0	58
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (not adopted)	45	54	45
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24C)	98	45	14
Draft resolution E (resolution 56/24D)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 56/24E)		adopted	
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24F)	154	0	5
Draft resolution H Operative paragraph 3 (the words "and South Asia") (recorded vote)	140	2	8
Draft resolution H Operative paragraph 3 (as a whole) (recorded vote)	145	1	7
Draft resolution H (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24G)	148	4	4
Draft resolution I (resolution 56/24H)		adopted	
Draft resolution J (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24I)	151	1	1
Draft resolution K (resolution 56/24J)		adopted	
Draft resolution L (resolution 56/24K)		adopted	
Draft resolution M (resolution 56/24L)		adopted	
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24M)	138	0	19
Draft resolution O (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24N)	139	3	19
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24O)	156	1	3
Draft resolution Q (resolution 56/24P)		adopted	
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 4 (b) (recorded vote)	133	4	12
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	133	0	17
Draft resolution R (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24Q)	135	0	23
Draft resolution S Operative paragraph 9 (recorded vote)	149	3	6
Draft resolution S (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24R)	103	41	17
Draft resolution T Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	153	4	2
Draft resolution T (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24S)	111	29	21
Draft resolution V (resolution 56/24T)		adopted	

Draft resolution W (resolution 56/24U)		adopted	

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 74 of its report (A/56/536).

By 115 to 7, with 37 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft decision III recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 74 of its report (A56/536).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and San Marino.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Benin, Mauritania and Bulgaria.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 74.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/56/537) [75]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to F recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/56/537).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 56/25A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 56/25B)	104	46	11
Draft resolution C (resolution 56/25C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 56/25D)		adopted	
Draft resolution E (resolution 56/25E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 56/25F)		adopted	

The representative of Guatemala made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/56/538) [76]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/538) (resolutions 56/26A and 56/26B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/539) [77]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/539).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	153	2	4
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 56/27)	153	3	6

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/56/540) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/540) (resolution 56/28).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/56/541) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/541) (resolution 56/29).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/542) (resolution 56/30).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/56/543) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/543).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/544) [82]

By 161 votes to 1, with no abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/544).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/56/545) [83]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee on agenda item 83 (A/56/545).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/56/546) [84]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/546).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Friday, 30 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4432nd meeting

Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month

Letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1055)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the President.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Tunisia, Bangladesh, France, China, Singapore, Ukraine, the United States, Colombia, Norway and Mali.

The President made a concluding statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

70th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, and A/56/L.22)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Yemen, Nigeria, Cyprus, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/56/L.19 to L.22 would be taken on Monday, 3 December 2001, in the morning, as the second item.

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/56/L.23 and A/56/L.24.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Norway, Belarus, Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Tuesday, 11 December, to Friday, 21 December 2001.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/56/3/Add.2, which contained a programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the period from 3 through 14 December 2001. The President also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for items mentioned in document A/INF/56/3/Add.2 were open.

71st meeting

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Oman, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Pakistan, Israel, Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Japan, Chile, Malaysia, Togo, Bahrain, Lebanon, Australia and Ukraine.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Israel.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries), Angola, Thailand, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Benin, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Ethiopia, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Uganda, the Sudan, the United States and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

Upon the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the item 106 to Wednesday, 5 December, at 6 p.m.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/42

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the drafts on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would hold informal consultations on Monday, 3 December, in the afternoon, and a formal meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 4 December, in the afternoon, to consider drafts ready for action.

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd and 54th meetings

Note: The summary of the 53rd and 54th meetings of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/235).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2001

87th meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its draft annual report to the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Hungary (30 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Hungary (30 November 2001)

Ratification: Cyprus (30 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Slovakia (30 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Slovakia (30 November 2001)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an art exhibit entitled "United Colors", co-sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be launched on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 6 p.m. at the south end of the lobby of the Secretariat Building.

Also in observance of the International Day, a panel discussion on "New Approaches to Assess Progress and Evaluate Outcomes", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. More information about the International Day will be available on the Internet at the following address: (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/disobs.htm).

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Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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International Volunteer Day

On Wednesday, 5 December 2001, International Volunteer Day, a special event marking the closing of the International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV), to be presided over by the President of the General Assembly, will take place from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The event will be held in connection with the two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, which will be devoted to volunteering as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/57. Guest speakers will include His Royal Highness Prince of Asturias, D. Felipe de Borbon of Spain, and Dr. Nafis Sadik, former Executive Director of UNFPA, both appointed IYV Eminent Persons by the Secretary-General. Closing remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The special event will be webcast live on the Internet at the following address: http://www.un.org/webcast/events/iyv. Information and documentation can be obtained on the official Web site for the International Year (http://www.iyv2001.org). For more information, please contact Ms. Yuko Osawa at United Nations Volunteers (tel.: (212) 906-3634).

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
United Republic of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago

Asian States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ümit Pamir

Eastern European States:
Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanif (designated)

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss Mignonette Patricia Durrant

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Mr. Yeduha Lancry

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	74th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.27

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.36, L.35, L.38 and L.49

   (b) International financial system and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.33 and L.44

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.32 and L.43

3. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10 and L.48

   (b) International strategy for disaster reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.12 and L. 46

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

5. Globalization and interdependence [105]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34 and L.47

6. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.31 and L.45

   Action on draft decisions I and II contained in Chapter VII, Section A, of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development on its resumed third session (A/56/28)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Organization of work

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 and 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/56/289 and A/56/7/Add.1)); 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002 (A/C.5/56/2 and A/56/511) and Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001 (A/C.5/56/4 and A/56/518)); and 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Honorariums (A/56/311))

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* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Second Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Office accommodation at Nairobi
2. Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.6
4. Administrative matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held *today*, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 *today*, 4 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 4 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 (item 98 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 12 noon. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2. 45 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.39/L.40 (item 102), from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), *today*, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 4 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26)

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa); and on the World Summit for Sustainable Development)

11 a.m. - 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing on the outcome of International Environmental Governance-IV and agenda sub-items 98 (a) to (g))

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 4 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme under agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development), organized by the delegation of Kenya, *today*, 4 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) will hold the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services *today*, 4 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Germany (The German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, to discuss the draft resolution on least developed countries, *today*, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of members of national parliament attending the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, *today*, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Secretary-General will address participants at 10 a.m.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	75th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	76th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]; plenary meetings devoted to volunteering to mark the closing of the International Year of Volunteers:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/288)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.27)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 33 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster), followed by informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) invites all delegations to an informal meeting to be held on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing (3-7 December 2001). The next informal consultations will be held on Wednesday, 5 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing at the following address: (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www. un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>; <http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> *or* <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 30 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.22

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Australia orally revised the text and announced that Burkina Faso, India, Jamaica, Samoa, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Saint Lucia, Somalia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.80

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) informed the Committee of the outcome of consultations on the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.43/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China) made a statement.

Costa Rica, Mexico and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 116 to 3, with 42 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Benin.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

Jordan, Lesotho, Mauritius and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 109 to 44, with 10 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), and the United States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Benin, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.81

The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.81 also pertained to A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Benin and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.71

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions made to the text at the time of introduction of the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico further revised the draft resolution.

Lesotho and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Bolivia and Singapore.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.50

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman read out the oral revision that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Belgium announced that Albania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the representative of Suriname, who withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 71 to 53, with 41 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and China; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Chile, the Philippines, the Bahamas, Brazil and Suriname.

A statement was made by the representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with regard to his vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.58/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium and the Sudan.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 82 to 34, with 45 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of China, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Cuba; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Suriname and the Bahamas.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

A statement was made by the representative of the Sudan on a point of order.

54th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/56/L.79

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement in connection with the draft decision.

Following statements by the representatives of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Senegal, the Committee adopted the draft decision.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55 and programme budget implications in A/C.3/56/L.78

The Committee was informed that a statement on programme budget implications was contained in A/C.3/56/L.78.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Viet Nam and China; after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of India, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.56/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 88 to 2, with 66 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by representatives of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; a statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Bangladesh.

55th meeting

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that were made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Belgium announced that Latvia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 91 to 3, with 55 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Tunisia and Egypt; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Bahamas, the Russian Federation and Cuba.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.82

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.82 submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 119 (c).

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, read out an oral statement in connection with the oral revisions that had been made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Algeria announced that Ecuador and Guatemala had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, El Salvador, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Turkey, India, Peru and Mauritania.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 84 to none, with 64 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Canada, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Liechtenstein and Japan.

A statement was made by the representative of Benin.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.67/Rev.1

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement on conference servicing implications in connection with the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico orally revised the text and announced that the Islamic Republic of Iran had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, Bangladesh and Jordan joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Canada and Australia.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2002-2003 (document A/C.3/56/L.75)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the document, which was then adopted.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/56/3, in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Suspension of the work of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the Group of African States), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Malawi (on behalf of SADC), Cuba, Haiti (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Benin and Egypt.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and New Zealand also spoke.

Monday, 3 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

72nd plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Turkey, Jordan and Nepal.

The meeting was suspended.

72nd (resumed) plenary meeting

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/56/L.23 and A/56/L.24.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/56/L.23 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/31)	130	2	10
Draft resolution A/56/L.24 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/32)	90	5	54

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Hungary, Australia, Cuba and Brunei Darussalam.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements in explanation of before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the Russian Federation.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/56/L.19, L.20, L.21 and L.22, as orally revised.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/56/L.19 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/33)	106	5	48
Draft resolution A/56/L.20 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/34)	107	5	47
Draft resolution A/56/L.21 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/35)	153	4	3
Draft resolution A/56/L.22 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/36)	131	6	20

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Canada, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Paraguay and Germany.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 41.

73rd plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

The President made a statement.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.28.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 48.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, India, South Africa, Togo, Singapore, China, Norway, Egypt, Pakistan, Ghana, the Republic of Korea, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I, VII, (Sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/289).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7/Add.1).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to refer consideration of this question to informal consultations under agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/56/2.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/511).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, Mexico, Australia and India.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 4 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/56/4 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/518).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 4 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions

The Committee had before it statements submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications of draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.5/56/13, A/C.5/56/15, A/C.5/56/21, A/C.5/56/16 and A/C.5/56/18.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/644) regarding document A/C.5/56/13 and orally introduced the other related reports of that Committee which were circulated, and requested that his statement be fully reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47: Illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (A/C.5/56/13 and A/56/644)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, Canada, Cuba, Mexico and South Africa.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Following the general discussion on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada, South Africa and China.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Committee also made statements.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised: Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/C.5/56/15)

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan, Australia and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31: Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.5/56/21)

No statements were made on this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/C.5/56/16)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India and Japan.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.7: Special session of the General Assembly on children (A/C.5/56/18)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Ratification: Benin (30 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Czech Republic (30 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Uganda (30 November 2001)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Cambodia (30 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Accession: Saudi Arabia (30 November 2001)*

Entry into force: 30 December 2001, in accordance with article 30 (1) of the Agreement.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Uganda (30 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Norway (29 November 2001)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Colombia (30 November 2001)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Uganda (30 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, *today*, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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International Volunteer Day

On Wednesday, 5 December 2001, International Volunteer Day, at 12 noon, immediately following the adjournment of the 76th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, an informal segment of the General Assembly marking the closing of the International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV), to be presided by the President of the General Assembly, will take place in the General Assembly Hall. The event will be held in connection with the two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, which will be devoted to volunteering as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/57. Guest speakers will include His Royal Highness Prince of Asturias, D. Felipe de Borbon of Spain, and Dr. Nafis Sadik, former Executive Director of UNFPA, both appointed IYV Eminent Persons by the Secretary-General. Closing remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The special event will be Webcast live at the following address: <http://www.un.org/webcast/events/iyv>. Information and documentation can be obtained on the official Web site for the International Year (<http://www.iyv2001.org>). For more in-formation, please contact Ms. Yuko Osawa at United Nations Volunteers (tel.: (212) 906-3634).

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Human Rights Day

A forum on "The Media's Impact on Today's United Nations Anti-Discrimination Agenda" will take place on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. This event, held as part of the regular DPI/NGO briefing programme in observance of the Human Rights Day, will feature Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan; Hafez Al Mirazi, Washington Bureau Chief, Chief Editor of News, Al Jazeera; Steve Williams, Senior Editor, BBC World News; Larry Register, Vice-President of Special Projects, CNN; Mathatha Tsedu, Deputy Chief of News, South African Broadcasting Corporation; Abdel Bari Atwan, Editor-in-Chief, Al Quds Al-Arabi; and Barbara Crossette, Correspondent, New York Times. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will be the moderator of the forum. The event is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laufey Love, Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-3507) or Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Special event

In support of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), will hold a special meeting on the theme "Music, Culture, Technology and Healthcare" on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be among the participants. Further information can be obtained at the following Inrernet address: <http://www.un.org/events/dec_6htm>. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Diego García Sayán, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
United Republic of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago

Asian States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ümit Pamir

Eastern European States:
Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanif (designated)

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss Mignonette Patricia Durrant

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Dr. Yehuda Lancry

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4433rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/2001/1132 and Corr.1)

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	75th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	76th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]; plenary meetings devoted to volunteering to mark the closing of the International Year of Volunteers:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/288);

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.27)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.3 (item 95 (c)), A/C.2/56/L.42 (item 12), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 141 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/56/487 and A/56/621)) and 134 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35
(Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 *today*, 5 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on agenda item 33
(Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held *today*, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster), followed by informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held *today*, 5 December 2001, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 5 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.39/L.40 (item 102), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing (3-7 December 2001). The next informal consultations will be held *today*, 5 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 5 December 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries); draft resolution on land-locked developing countries)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1 p.m.- 1.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26)

1.30 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 5 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) will hold the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services *today*, 5 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Germany (The German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the Group of 77 and Mexico, to discuss the draft resolution on the international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), will be held *today*, 5 December 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 77th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [21]

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/171)

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/390)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.34)

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/302)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.31)

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/398)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.36)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/474)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.26)

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/996, A/56/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.35)

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/301)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.25)

h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/122)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.32)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/125)

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/489)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.37)

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Preparatory Commission (A/56/317)

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

(i) (Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Organization (A/56/490)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.30)

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/56/L.29)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Thusday, 6 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2001, in the morning, in Conference Room 7, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) invites all delegations to an informal meeting to be held on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing at the following address: (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

There will be a presentation on the Multinational United Nations Standby Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) by the Permanent Mission of Norway and the Norwegian SHIRBRIG Presidency, on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of C-34, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

74th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 48.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Argentina, Mozambique, Morocco, Uruguay, Eritrea, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Chile, Japan and Nigeria.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 73rd plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.28 (resolution 56/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27 and orally amended the resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 74 to 1, with 47 abstentions.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The following representatives made statements: Pakistan, Dominican Republic, Myanmar, Uganda, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Gabon.

(b) International financial system and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.33 and A/C.56/L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 95 (b).

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.32 and A/C.2/56/L.43

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 95 (d).

Environment and sustainable development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.10 and L.48

The Committee was informed that Armenia and Japan had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.12 and L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

The Committee was informed that Djibouti should have been listed among the original co-sponsors of the draft resolution instead of Denmark. The Committee was also informed that Senegal had subsequently joined in co-sponsoring the resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), informed the Committee on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29.

The Committee then proceeded to a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29 was then adopted by a recorded vote of 131 to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The representatives of Mozambique, Uganda and Bangladesh stated that had they been present at the time of the vote, they would have voted in favour of the resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Globalization and interdependence [105]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.34 and L.47

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47, which was submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.31 and L.45

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft decisions I and II contained in Chapter VII, Section A, of document A/56/28

The Committee adopted the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 106 on the least developed countries was Wednesday, 5 December, at 6 p.m.

Other matters

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), responded to a question raised by the representative of the United States.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the revised programme of work for the week of 3 to 7 December 2001.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 30 March 1961

Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation : Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Kenya (4 December 2001)

Signature: Rwanda (4 December 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Congo (4 December 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Volunteer Day

Today, 5 December 2001, International Volunteer Day, at 12 noon, immediately following the adjournment of the 75th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, an informal segment of the General Assembly marking the closing of the International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV), to be presided by the President of the General Assembly, will take place in the General Assembly Hall. The event will be held in connection with the two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, which will be devoted to volunteering as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/57. Guest speakers will include His Royal Highness Prince of Asturias, D. Felipe de Borbon of Spain, and Dr. Nafis Sadik, former Executive Director of UNFPA, both appointed IYV Eminent Persons by the Secretary-General. Closing remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The special event will be webcast live at the following address: <http://www.un.org/webcast/events/iyv>. Information and documentation can be obtained on the official Web site for the International Year (<http://www.iyv2001.org>). For more information, please contact Ms. Yuko Osawa at United Nations Volunteers (tel.: (212) 906-3634).

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Human Rights Day

A forum on the media's impact on today's United Nations anti-discrimination agenda, entitled "News vs. Propaganda: The Gatekeepers' Dilemma", will take place on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. This event, held as part of the regular DPI/NGO briefing programme in observance of the Human Rights Day, will feature Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan; Hafez Al Mirazi, Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera; Steve Williams, Senior Editor, BBC World News; Karen Curry, Vice-President and New York Bureau Chief, CNN; Mathatha Tsedu, Deputy Chief of News, South African Broadcasting Corporation; Abdel Bari Atwan, Editor-in-Chief, Al Quds Al-Arabi; and Barbara Crossette, Correspondent, New York Times. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will be the moderator of the forum. The event is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laufey Love, Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-3507) or Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Special event

In support of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), will hold a special meeting on the theme "Music, Culture, Technology and Healthcare" on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be among the participants. Further information can be obtained at the following Inrernet address: <http://www.un.org/events/dec_6htm>. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Diego García Sayán, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

<http://www. un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>

<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

<http://www.un.int/indonesia>

Belgian presidency of the European Union:

<http://www.un.int/belgium>

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan*

Iraq (UNMOVIC) (S/2001/1126)

Central African Republic

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	77th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	78th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [21]

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/171)

(continued overleaf)

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/390)

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(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.32)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/125)

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/489)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.37)

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Preparatory Commission (A/56/317)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.38)

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Organization (A/56/490)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.30)

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/56/L.29)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.18 and L.26 (item 96 (a), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)), A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d)), A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 (item 98 (e)) and A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/56/11 and Add.1)) and 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Languages used for preparation of documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
2. Simultaneous availability of parliamentary documentation in electronic form in the six official languages on the United Nations Web site
3. Review of public information activities in the United Nations Secretariat outside the Department of Public Information
4. Situation of human rights in Myanmar
5. Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on *today*, 6 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 6 December 2001, in the morning, in Conference Room E, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 *today*, 6 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) *today*, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development to East Timor, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Brazil, will be held *today*, 6 December 2001, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 6 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Trusteeship Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d)), from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Trusteeship Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference room to be announced: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing (3-7 December 2001). The next informal consultations will be held *today*, 6 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>) *today*, 6 December 2001.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 6 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the status of remaining Second Committee draft resolutions)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(status of remaining environmental draft resolutions)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) will continue the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services *today*, 6 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Germany (The German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the Group of 77 and Mexico, to discuss the draft resolution on the international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), will be held *today*, 6 December 2001, in the afternoon, in Conference Room B, following the informal consultations conduced by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on agenda item 20.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 7 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 10 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) invites all delegations to an informal meeting to be held on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The General Assembly will take up the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Monday afternoon, 10 December 2001.

For ease of reference, delegations may also wish to refer to the checklist of reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in document A/C.4/56/INF/3.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001. The organization of work for the resumed session is contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.10.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing at the following address: (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

A list of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process will be issued in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/5.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

There will be a presentation on the Multinational United Nations Standby Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) by the Permanent Mission of Norway and the Norwegian SHIRBRIG Presidency, on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of C-34, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4433rd meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/2001/1132 and Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium and Bosnia and Herzegovina, at their requests, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

Mr. Annabi introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Ukraine, Mauritius, the United Kingdom, China, Jamaica, France, Tunisia, Ireland, the United States, Colombia, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation and Norway, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Mali.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Mr. Annabi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

75th plenary meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]; *plenary meetings devoted to volunteering to mark the closing of the International Year of Volunteers:*

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/288)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.27)

The Acting President made a statement on behalf of the President of the General Assembly.

The representative of Japan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.27.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.27.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), China, the United States, Germany, Tunisia, Brazil, the Niger, Nepal and South Africa.

76th plenary meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]; *plenary meetings devoted to volunteering to mark the closing of the International Year of Volunteers:*

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/288)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.27)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 108.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Canada, Australia, Uruguay, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Suriname.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/6 of 17 October 1989, the observer for the Council of Europe made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.27 as orally revised (resolution 56/38).

The representative of Kuwait made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 108.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Albania (5 December 2001)

Signature: Yemen (5 December 2001)

Declaration reçognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court.

Termination: Colombia (5 December 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day

A forum on the media's impact on today's United Nations anti-discrimination agenda, entitled "News vs. Propaganda: The Gatekeepers' Dilemma", will take place *today*, 6 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. This event, held as part of the regular DPI/NGO briefing programme in observance of the Human Rights Day, will feature Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan; Hafez Al Mirazi, Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera; Steve Williams, Senior Editor, BBC World News; Karen Curry, Vice-President and New York Bureau Chief, CNN; Mathatha Tsedu, Deputy Chief of News, South African Broadcasting Corporation; Abdel Bari Atwan, Editor-in-Chief, Al Quds Al-Arabi; and Barbara Crossette, Correspondent, New York Times. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will be the moderator of the forum. The event is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laufey Love, Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-3507) or Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 6 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

In support of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), will hold a special meeting on the theme "Music, Culture, Technology and Healthcare" *today*, 6 December 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be among the participants. Further information can be obtained at the following Inrernet address: <http://www.un.org/events/dec_6htm>. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Diego García Sayán, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

<http://www. un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>

<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

<http://www.un.int/indonesia>

Belgian presidency of the European Union:

<http://www.un.int/belgium>

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10.30 a.m.	4435th (closed) meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, A

3 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

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Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1472nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT RESOLUTION 1132 (1997) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN SIERRA LEONE

4.30 p.m.	24th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions, A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.37 and A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95(a)), A/C.2/56/L.18 and 26 (item 96 (a)) and A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)) and A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103)

3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35, L.38 and L.49

(c) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.3 and L.52

3. Environment and sustainable development [98]

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 and L.53

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) and Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairmen of the Second Committee, to hear reports by each of the facilitators on all outstanding draft resolutions and to take action, *ad referendum*, on those draft proposals that are ready for adoption

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131] (A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/56/501 and A/56/665)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132] (A/56/497 and Add.1, A/56/265, A/56/500 and A/56/666)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [137] (A/56/610 and A/56/661)

Introduction and general discussion

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained in document A/56/21/Add.1: Development of an International Radio Broadcasting Capacity for the United Nations (A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1: Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/C.5/56/22)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.6: Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/56/23)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55: Situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/56/24)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/436 and A/56/381))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003): Statements submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications of draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.5/56/13, A/C.5/56/15, A/C.5/56/16, A/C.5/56/18, A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1, A/C.5/56/21, A/C.5/56/22, A/C.5/56/23 and A/C.5/56/24; a related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/644); request for a subvention to UNIDIR (A/C.5/56/2 and A/56/511); revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/56/4 and A/56/518); and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2)

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Section 11B: International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

2. Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35, organized by the delegation of Benin, *today*, 7 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 7 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Trusteeship Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) invites all delegations to an informal meeting to be held *today*, 7 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 7 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26)

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(special meeting of the General Assembly on information and communication technologies)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) will continue the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services *today*, 7 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Germany (The German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

There will be a presentation on the Multinational United Nations Standby Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) by the Permanent Mission of Norway and the Norwegian SHIRBRIG Presidency, *today*, 7 December 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of C-34, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 10 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 80th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/107) [17 (g)]

2. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [33]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/413)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.41)

3 p.m. 81st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the work during 2001 (A/56/23 (Parts I-III)

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/61, A/56/65 and A/56/159)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7; A/56/L.40)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/547) [85]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/548) [86]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/549) [87]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/550) [88]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/551) [89]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/552) [90]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/553) [91]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/554) [92 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/555) [93 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/556) [94]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/557) [18]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/56/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7; A/56/L.40) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Room to be announced
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 10 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The General Assembly will take up the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Monday afternoon, 10 December 2001.

For ease of reference, delegations may also wish to refer to the checklist of reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in document A/C.4/56/INF/3.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001. The organization of work for the resumed session is contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.10.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing at the following address: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>. Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

A list of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process will be issued in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/5.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than *today*, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on "Older Workers and Population Ageing, Employment and Social Protection Issues", organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO), on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Michael Cichon, Chief of the Financial, Actuarial and Statistical Services Branch of the Social Protection Sector, ILO, and Mariangels Fortuny, Focal Point on Ageing, In Focus Programme on Skills, Knowledge and Employability, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis (tel.: (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

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Workshop

There will be a workshop on "Creating a Union in Africa and in Europe", jointly organized by the delegation of the European Union and the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the African Unity. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will take place on Wednesday, 12 December 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (tentatively).

A joint invitation letter, including a detailed information note, was addressed to all African Permanent Representatives and European Union Representatives to the United Nations, as well as to United Nations officers in charge of African matters. Registration deadline is Monday, 10 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Sherene Bailey (Organization of African Unity) (tel.: (212) 319-5490) or Ms. Anna Rode (European Union) (tel.: (212) 401-0160).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4434th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Letter dated 5 December 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1154)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1153) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1153) received 15 votes in favour, none against with no abstention, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1383 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

77th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [21]

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/171)

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

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(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

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The Executive-Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization presented the report of the Preparatory Commission.

The Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons presented the report of the Organization.

The representative of Equatorial Guinea made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.25/Rev.1.

The representative of India made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.35.

The representative of Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.29.

H.E. Mr. Mircea Dan Geoana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, made a statement.

The representative of Lithuania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.31.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.32.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.34.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.26.

The representative of Zambia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.37.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.38.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Burkina Faso, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

78th plenary meeting

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(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/56/L.29)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 21.

The representative of Mali made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.36.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Malaysia, Belarus, Monaco, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Canada, Germany, Ukraine, Austria, Sweden, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Australia, Mauritius, Azerbaijan, Fiji and Croatia.

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 51st meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/232, p. 11): under agenda item 119 (b), the following text should be added:

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.64

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Sierra Leone and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Provisional application: Cuba (30 November 2001)*

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2002.

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Ratification: Bulgaria (5 December 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Bulgaria (5 December 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Bulgaria (5 December 2001)*

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Bulgaria (5 December 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Panama (5 December 2001)*

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Pakistan (6 December 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Alan Wagner, Ambassador of Peru to the United States and former Minister for Foreign Relations; Mr. Alberto Gagliardi, Under-Secretary of State for Regional Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Italy; and Mr. Josef Plank, Secretary for Agriculture, Niederosterreich, Austria; and Mr. Louis Besson, Member of Parliament and Mayor of Chambéry, France. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

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Belgian presidency of the European Union:

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